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The first day of a college course is the most critical of the term, the day that sets the tone. This guide provides tools and strategies to get classes off on the right foot. The chapters are: (1) Classroom and Course Management: The Nuts and Bolts of Successful Beginnings; (2) A Positive Start: First-Day Classroom Activities and Icebreakers; (3) Creating a Welcoming Classroom Environment; (4) Promoting Student Participation and Motivation; (5) Dealing with Incivility in the College Classroom; (6) Keeping the Ball Rolling to a Fruitful Conclusion; and (7) Turning Successful Beginnings into Successful Teaching Experiences. An appendix discusses Creating Your Course Syllabus: A Brief Overview. A list of helpful teaching resources is included. (Contains 131 references.) (SLD)

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